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### STORY OF DEAL IS IN WILSON'S FAVOR

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### AFTER THE COMMUTER VOTE

Democrats Hope to Get It. Smith Said to Want to Go to Senate Again.

New York, October 16.—New Jersey Democrats are smiling broadly over what they consider the second vital Republican blunder of the gubernatorial campaign there, the charge made by Alfred N. Dalrymple, chairman of the Essex County Republican Committee, that Woodrow Wilson, the Democratic nominee, was induced to take the nomination by promises from "the interests" that he would receive the party vice-presidential nomination in 1912. A boomerang of a decidedly active kind is the way the charge is characterized.

The immediate and indignant denial made by Dr. Wilson undoubtedly set at rest such public doubt as Chairman Dalrymple's statement might have caused, leaving behind it what Democrats call a very valuable tribute to his candidate, the admission that he is presidential timber and is looked to by the country to lead the hopes of his party. They believe it to be one of the best chances nationally the Democrats have had.

"We owe Mr. Dalrymple a double debt of gratitude now," said a leader in Essex county yesterday. "He has paid our candidate a most graceful compliment in addition to his labors earlier in the campaign. Essex's Republican leader deserves a vote of thanks from Dr. Wilson's supporters."

The reference to Mr. Dalrymple's previous efforts is to the complications he aroused early in this campaign when he involved the organization in a needless conflict with the conciliatory new idea forces. Efforts were made immediately by the State leaders to patch things up, and this was partly accomplished, but not before the alienation of the commuter vote from the Republican side was well accomplished.

The commuter vote has been thoroughly canvassed by leaders of both parties in Essex county, and it is freely admitted by the Republicans to be a source of anxiety to them. Dr. Wilson is receiving more attention there than has ever been bestowed upon a Democratic candidate, not excepting the few successful local candidates of recent years.

That the commuting vote will effect Republican interest outside of Essex county is also indicated. The rock-ribbed Republican sections of Morris county contain several thousand commuters, and the presence of a strong Wilson sentiment among them is indicated. The same has been found in the doubtful county of Union, but has not been shown to a similar extent in either Bergen or Passaic counties that

are Democratic possibilities. Passaic is the home of the Republican nominee, Vivian Lewis, and consequently is not so much affected, while local issues in Bergen county favor a Republican trend in spite of Dr. Wilson's personal popularity there.

The Republican campaign is fairly well understood by this time. Although Mr. Lewis has refrained from making the issues personal, as has Dr. Wilson, it is to be seen that others among the chief workers in the Republican ranks are going to dwell heavily upon the influence of Ex-United States Senator James Smith, Jr., credited with being the State Democratic boss, upon the selection of Dr. Wilson as candidate. George Record gave the first indication of such an intention a week ago, and it has been followed up on one or two occasions since. What the Democratic attitude towards such an issue will be has not been shown, but is expected at any time.

The chief argument used in this connection is that Mr. Smith is using Dr. Wilson to cloak his desire to take advantage of a good opportunity to become United States Senator again, as there is a chance of a Democratic majority in the Legislature. That the basis of such argument would be removed by a statement from Mr. Smith that he would not again be a candidate for the United States Senate has given rise to the reports that such a stand would be taken by this week or later, season, whether this week or later, depending upon what the leaders find to be the "psychological moment."

### SPECIAL TRAINS BRING CROWDS TO CONVENTION

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In progress, and several expert boosters were on hand, stealing a march on the other fellows in the fight to secure the next convention.

The greater portion of the exhibit, which is to be a feature of the convention, is in place, and all will be in complete readiness by noon to-day. The exhibit is as extensive as it is diversified, embracing as it does every essential which enters into present day laundry operation. In one part of the building the visitor sees a big display composed of a single brand of laundry soap; in another the products of a manufactory which makes a specialty of the paper and twine with which laundry bundles are wrapped to be sent home to the patron. And so it goes from these less important adjuncts on up to giant washing and steaming appliances, which occupy a whole room to themselves.

Great Invested Wealth. It is difficult to estimate how much invested wealth this national association of laundrymen represents. With plants located all over the east, and union, it is likewise difficult to figure on the number of people they serve, but it must run up into the millions. And those 2,000 members are not in Richmond simply for a holiday celebration. They have come for a specific idea—to get in closer touch and to exchange ideas for the benefit of all.

And even with all that has been printed, it is difficult to exaggerate the importance of that wonderful exhibit dealing, as it does, with every branch of the work. Soap enters largely into the business. There must be an abundance of it; it must be of a special brand, put up in special shapes. So goes the paper in which laundry is wrapped, enter largely into the life of the trade. There are special paper displays, but the machinery itself stands out above all the rest in magnitude. A man, for instance, who contemplates the opening of a laundry in some big or little town need not visit the factories to inspect machinery. He may see it here. Indeed, he may see and examine everything which will be needed if he expects to open a plant. And members can see how to improve their own.

Some New Problems. Handling millions of pieces every day, the members will explain how they do it without loss. They will also explain why certain machinery is more valuable because it does not wear, break or destroy garments. Like the postal service, which handles billions of pieces of mail with fractional loss, the laundrymen will show how they receive and deliver collars by the carload without sending Smith's collars to Brown. The thing has been worked down to a science. The public long ago began to appreciate the importance

of the business. The old day of the family washerwoman is gone. People quit sending their linens to the poorer quarters, to be laundered in unsanitary homes. To-day they demand sanitary surroundings, which only the first-class laundry can provide.

President a Busy Man. Since his arrival, President Parry has been constantly on the move. He is a busy man at home and a busy man here, but he has found time to meet the delegates and discuss with them

### TWO CITIES ALREADY AFTER NEXT MEETING

Rochester Boosters Arrive to Find St. Paul Working to Capture Laundrymen—Busy Scene Around Hotel Lobby.

The lobbies and parlors of the Jefferson Hotel presented as busy a scene last night as has been witnessed there in years. Laundrymen from all parts of the United States, wearing identification badges, came in by every train, and not only the Jefferson, at which are located the headquarters of the convention, but the other larger hotels had their share.

The New York delegation came in a body, traveling in style by boat to New Point, and from there by special train to Richmond. The Jefferson Hotel had been notified weeks ago, with a list of those in the party for whom reservations were made. Hotel clerks joined the train at Old Point, registered the visitors and issued their room numbers on the train, and took care of their hand baggage. Taxicabs were used to rush the small baggage to the hotel, where it was distributed, and when the guests arrived, their belongings were already in place.

Another special train came through from Chicago over the Chesapeake and Ohio. It was scheduled to arrive at 10 o'clock last night, but because of some delay in the West it was delayed, and did not come until after midnight. Reservations had been made for the party, however, and the Jefferson cafe kept open to extend its welcome.

Rochester, New York and St. Paul, Minn., are already in the field to secure the next convention. It was from the grasp of Rochester that Business Manager Dabney wrested this year's meeting, and the Rochester representatives told Mr. Dabney last night that they were out for revenge. But they found the field already occupied, and are facing a stiff fight; for two representatives of the St. Paul Board of Trade came in on Saturday, and have rented an accessible room at the Jefferson and opened campaign headquarters. Yesterday the St. Paul men were doing the hospitalities to the newcomers, and securing pledges of support when the question of selecting the next place of meeting comes to a vote. Mr. Dabney, an old war-horse in securing conventions, is standing off and watching the contest with enjoyment; for all those he met last year have told him that Richmond is fulfilling every pledge of hospitality, that the arrangements for handling a convention were never more perfect and that no hotel in the country had better facilities than has the Jefferson.

Officers of the association assert that

some of the more important topics which will come before the convention. Members of local committees have done a great deal of work, getting things in shape for the opening and helping to find additional room for the exhibits, which are more varied and numerous than any ever brought to Richmond by another convention.

Almost all of the Richmond people who were introduced to Vice-President C. G. Swanson wanted to know if he wasn't related to United States Senator C. A. Swanson, of Virginia.

The total attendance of delegates will be between 1,800 and 2,000, while the total attendance will probably reach 2,500. There are a large number of supply men with exhibits of everything from automatic wringing machines to soap that will float, and there is one man who asserts that he has a machine which will press collars without breaking them in the fold. Some of the laundrymen are from Missouri. They want to see the machine in operation. A member of the Chamber of Commerce reception committee, who had met many of the delegates, remarked last night that from the aggressive way they are going after business it would seem that the days of the old negro washerwoman were numbered; that the problem of the family wash will be a problem no longer when business, trains and the last word in machinery combine to solve it.

### STRIKE BLOW AT ALLEGED EVIL

Supreme Court Will Be Asked to Pass on "Labor Contract" Law.

Washington, D. C., October 16.—Believing that hundreds of Southern negroes are being deprived of their liberty by big planters under forms of law, the Federal government will endeavor this week to induce the Supreme Court of the United States to strike a telling blow at the alleged evil. This it will do by asking the court to declare unconstitutional the so-called Alabama "labor contract" law. Similar laws have been passed by several of the Southern States and the decision is expected to apply to them all.

The treatment of negro farm hands under this law is interpreted by the Department of Justice as a reduction of these laborers to a state of peonage. Compulsory service in satisfaction of debt is taken by Attorney-General Clegg as a ruling blow at the alleged evil. This it will do by asking the court to declare unconstitutional the so-called Alabama "labor contract" law. Similar laws have been passed by several of the Southern States and the decision is expected to apply to them all.

The State of Alabama will appear in court to defend its enactment. It is claimed by Attorney-General Garber of that State that the law in question is not aimed at the negro as a class, and, anyway, that this is a proper exercise of the police power of a State to stop fraudulent practices from which the South has suffered severely.

The case comes to the court on the appeal of a negro, Alonzo Bailey, from the decision of the Supreme Court of Alabama, which held the law constitutional and punished Bailey for violating it by assessing a fine, equivalent to 136 days' hard labor for the county.

Bailey entered into a written contract to work as a farm hand for the Riverside Company during the year 1908 for the sum of \$13 per month, the contract reciting that Bailey had received \$15 in advance and was to receive the balance due him at the rate of \$10.75 per month. He worked a month and a few days and then quit. It was claimed, without just cause, he had failed, the record alleges, to refund the money advanced him.

The negro was arrested under the "labor contract" law. This law provides that in contracts of service, entered into by a laborer with intent to defraud, where money was advanced, the contract broken without just cause and the money not refunded, the laborer should be guilty of a misdemeanor. An amendment to the law in 1902 pro-

vided that failure to perform the service and to refund the money should be prima facie evidence of intent to defraud.

### GETS COVETED DIVORCE

Virginia Harned Secures Release From E. H. Sothorn. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Reno, Nev., October 16.—It required exactly a half-hour for Mrs. Virginia Harned Sothorn to secure her much-coveted divorce decree from E. H. Sothorn, the actor, yesterday. Sothorn was represented by an attorney who cross-examined Mrs. Sothorn severely. She declared that she and her husband separated in New York on June 30, 1906; that she has not seen nor communicated with him since; that he has not contributed to her support, and that she gave him no cause to leave her. She asked for no alimony, although she said Sothorn made \$100,000 a season. She declared that she intended to retain Reno as her residence hereafter.

At the conclusion of the questioning, Judge Pike instructed the clerk to prepare the findings.

Miss Harned will open her theatrical season on next Wednesday night, and then will leave on an extended tour.

### ACCUSES JUDGE

Attorney Tells Him He Is Biased in Favor of Corporation. [Pittsburgh, Pa., October 16.—] Before the full bench of the Allegheny county court, Attorney Andrew G. Smith, charged Judge Robert S. Frazer with favoring the Pittsburgh Street Railway's Company, a corporation, in suit brought by Rev. Abijah Alexander, to recover 5 cents excise paid because the conductor refused to issue a transfer in accordance with a city ordinance.

Attorney Smith prayed for a reversal of judgment on the grounds that Judge Frazer, who handed down the decision against Rev. Alexander, was biased in favor of the corporation because his brother-in-law, S. P. Ellis, translates a large business with the corporation in connection with the purchase of steel rails, and that Judge Frazer was an incorporator, officer, director and counsel in several of the underlying companies of the Pittsburgh Street Railway Company.

### WANT AMERICAN MANAGERS

Amsterdam to Have Department Store Modeled on Those of This Country. [Washington, October 16.—] An American plan department store is about to be established in Amsterdam, which will be the first general store of the kind in the Netherlands, according to a report to this government by Frank W. Mahin, United States consul at Amsterdam.

Nearly \$2,000,000 are to be invested at the outset, and the department managers are to be procured in the United States. Applications from experienced American department store managers have been asked for.

### Will Take Brantley Back.

J. K. Brantley, white, arrested as a fugitive from justice from Georgia, is to be sent back to that State to serve a term of 10 years in the penitentiary. A telegram was received at police headquarters yesterday, saying that an officer from Atlanta would be sent for him.

### New Trial for Clarke.

In the Henrico county Circuit Court Saturday, argument was heard on motion to set aside the verdict in the trial of J. W. Clarke for betrayal. A new trial was granted.

Clarke was found guilty in the first trial, the jury bringing in a verdict of two years in the penitentiary.

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### FIVE KILLED IN CRASH OF TRAINS

Operator, Busy Selling Tickets, Forgets to Show Signal.

### ENGINES DEMOLISHED

Came Together at Full Speed on Charleston and Western North Carolina Road.

Augusta, Ga., October 16.—Five persons were killed and seventeen injured when two trains on the Charleston and Western Carolina crashed together at full speed shortly after 6 o'clock this evening, two miles south of McCormick, S. C. All of the dead and seven of the injured were members of the train crew. It is said that the operator McCormick failed to deliver "meet orders" for the southbound train.

Both locomotives were completely demolished and the baggage cars of both trains were telescoped. The dead are:

Engineer Arizona Rivers, of Augusta, Fireman Jim Sprules (colored), of Augusta, Mail Clerk W. F. Aker, of Anderson, S. C., Horard Seales, colored porter, of Augusta. The injured trainmen are R. L. Hartley, Elberton, Ga., leg and ankle broken. A. S. McNeal, baggagemaster, Augusta, chest and shoulder crushed; condition serious. Engineer F. S. Hughes, Augusta, fatally injured. J. G. Stillwell, Augusta, roadmaster. Conductor Joseph Hernon, severely bruised.

Baggagemaster H. K. Burns, of Augusta, slightly hurt.

The following passengers were injured: W. F. Smith, Hartsville, S. C., W. E. Cuttitt, Albany, Ga., B. N. Sego, Greenwood, S. C., R. D. Zeigler, of McCormick, S. C., Miss Alma Williams, Greenwood, S. C., Lorenzo Rivers, Augusta, son of Engineer Rivers. Jenny Payne, Greenwood, S. C., Ross Dawson, Peter Lynch.

All of the injured passengers were en route to Greenwood and were sent to that city in charge of a physician. A relief train sent from Augusta is expected to return about 2 o'clock. The wreck Operator Snowdon, at McCormick, it is stated, telegraphed the Augusta office of the road and stated that he was so busy selling tickets that he forgot to show the signal to stop the southbound train for Augusta. This train regressed for Augusta and left at once. Conductor E. L. Foster, of the southbound, escaped injury and walked back to McCormick with the news of the wreck.

### Virginians at the Hotels.

Jefferson—A. S. Rosenkrans, Norfolk; Albert Gerst, Norfolk; Lee Wood Walker, Portsmouth; M. G. Leno, Norfolk; F. L. Knight, Lynchburg; Dr. W. O. Coffin, Sabet; T. W. C. Webb, University of Virginia. Murphy's—John A. Kimball, Abingdon; S. J. Burham, Abingdon; A. T. Lincoln, Marion; T. T. Holt, Norfolk; A. B. Oliver, Danville. Richmond—J. H. Harrison, Danville; Frank Crews, Norfolk; H. D. Warren, Virginia. Lexington—C. E. Matthews, Virginia; H. L. Gregory, Virginia; R. H. Wooling, Pulaski.

Mr. Hutzler Improved. Charles Hutzler, of 325 East Franklin Street, who was seriously injured by an automobile some days ago, was reported at the Memorial Hospital last night to be much improved. He is now able to sit up, and in a few days will be taken home.

Springfield Mothers' Club. The Springfield School Mothers' Club was reorganized yesterday with the following officers: President, Mrs. Ball; First Vice-President, Mrs. Burroughs; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Leake; Secretary, Miss Phillips; Assistant Secretary, Miss McNeely; Treasurer, Mrs. Richardson.

### FOUR CANDIDATES ARE STANDING PAT

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the four men can be elected if nominated.

### Future a Problem.

So much for the immediate outlook. As for the future:

It were foolish indeed to base any predictions on the existing feeling in the Second District. Men do not go for sober opinions to one who has imbibed of the cup that sparkles. Neither can an unbiased and clear-eyed judgment be secured from individuals drunk with that most fascinating of all intoxicants—the desire to reform the world and they that dwell therein. The feeling here approximates that which is attendant on a local option election, when every one is ready to misjudge the moral values and question the sincerity of all who do not agree with him. Such a mental condition is abnormal. Six months hence one might judge of the effect on State politics of the present fight in this district. But not now.

### LARKIN G. MEAD DEAD

American Sculptor Had Lived in Italy Since 1862—His Works. Florence, October 16.—Larkin Goldsmith Mead, the American sculptor, died here yesterday.

Larkin Goldsmith Mead was born at Chesterfield, N. H., on January 1, 1833. His boyhood was spent at Brattleboro. Here he modeled in snow one winter a colossal figure of an angel, and this feat, which his brother-in-law, Ethan Allen, for the purpose of the same building. In the Civil War he spent six weeks in camp as an artist for Harper's Weekly, and his sketches attracted considerable attention.

Mr. Mead had been a resident of Florence since 1862. Four years after he settled there he married Marietta D. Benvenuti. For a time he was attached to the United States consulate in Venice, where his brother-in-law, William Dean Howells, the novelist, was consul. Among his works are the National Lincoln Monument at Springfield, Ill.; the Soldiers' Monument at St. Johnsbury, Vt.; a colossal statue of the Mississippi River, at Minneapolis; a large group representing Columbus appealing to Isabella, at Sacramento, Cal.; and the ideal works, "The Returned Soldier," "Echo," "La Contadina," "Sappho," and "The Recording Angel."

### DEMOCRATS PROTEST

Do Not Want Colonel Roosevelt to Speak at Cornell.

Ithaca, N. Y., October 16.—Former President Andrew D. White, of Cornell University, has extended an invitation to Theodore Roosevelt to deliver a ten-minute speech before the Cornell students when he comes here October 24, to inspect the abandoned farm district. The Democratic county committee has issued a protest against the action of Dr. White, and the Democratic members of the Cornell faculty. It is said, object to Colonel Roosevelt speaking, even upon his African trip at this time, because of his political activities.

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### Confederate Veterans' Reunion

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